

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting

8:00 am Saturday, February 17, 2018

Members in attendance: Pastor Rick Jones, Vicar Matt, Nick Dreyer, Jim Potts, Ryan Schaan, Steve Carbno, Lynn Nord, Wayne Johnson, Paul Dockter, Eric Poppinga

Pastor Rick opened the meeting with prayer.

The group opened with discussion in regards to PK leaving and how it's affecting the congregation, those who have decided to stay and other perhaps deciding to leave, and the overall spiritual welfare of the congregation. There was some concern among the congregation that PK was allowed to speak, however hindsight we believe it was best to have the words come from him as to why he was leaving. The general consensus is that, although it is a very difficult and challenging time, people are coming together and are tending to look to help others through this time. It's very encouraging. It's now our obligation as Elders to maintain, help and grow our Church body.

There is concern from all on the Board of Elders for our Church staff and those who bear an increasing burden throughout all of this. We discussed taking special care of those such as Bonnie who is working a great amount of hours and also Betsy and a few others who have increased tasks. Some such as Bonnie will just plain need some time away to reflect and recuperate. Pastor Rick and Vicar Matt will lead those discussions along with Nick Dreyer.

Nick Dreyer, Pastor Rick and Vicar Matt discussed the opportunity we now have to use our situation as a springboard into ministry. Pastor Rick presented each member of the Board of Elders with a visitation booklet/guide which is to be used as a wonderful reference when performing visitation duties as a member of the Board. We, as a Board, need to prepare to step into what Vicar Matt is currently doing in the way of visitation. Pastor Rick and Vicar Matt covered the heavy importance of this as a Board and Church body. Nick Dreyer suggested we form a ministry/visitation committee to get the right people into the right spots. Nick suggested we connect with Lee Schoffstall to get ideas and form a committee.

The contact night of calling was once again discussed and how successful the calls are along with the very positive feedback that is given. We discussed the importance of the upcoming calls and how difficult some may be during our current scenario. All on the Board looked forward once again to the opportunity to make the calls and connect with the congregation. It's been a very successful program. Our next night of calling is scheduled for Tuesday, February 20th @ 6pm.

The Board discussed the importance of connecting closer to the congregation and as a means to that, the Governing Board and Board of Elders will present one member from each Board during the upcoming Sundays at the three services to introduce himself/herself to the congregation. The congregation will have another opportunity to put a name to a face and have a more comfortable point of contact.

We discussed a plan to acquire name tags or something that will identify us to the congregation as Board of Elders members and other Boards/positions within the Church. We will discuss that during our next meeting in March.

We plan to review and move forward with a more refined approach and process for how Mercy Care requests are accepted and agreed upon. Brenda Reckelberg has expressed an interest for some refinement in what we deliver through the program and how it's delivered. Nick Dreyer asked/appointed Steve Carbno to be the lead for the Mercy Care requests and disbursements. Steve accepted the appointment and stated that he would move forward taking requests and forward all requests to the Board of Elders for a review, consideration and vote.

Our next meeting was noted to take place on March 10, 2018 at 8:00am.

Pastor Rick closed the meeting with prayer and we dismissed at 9:08am.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Poppinga